

REMARKS

Claims 20-39 are pending in the application, are rejected, and are at issue.

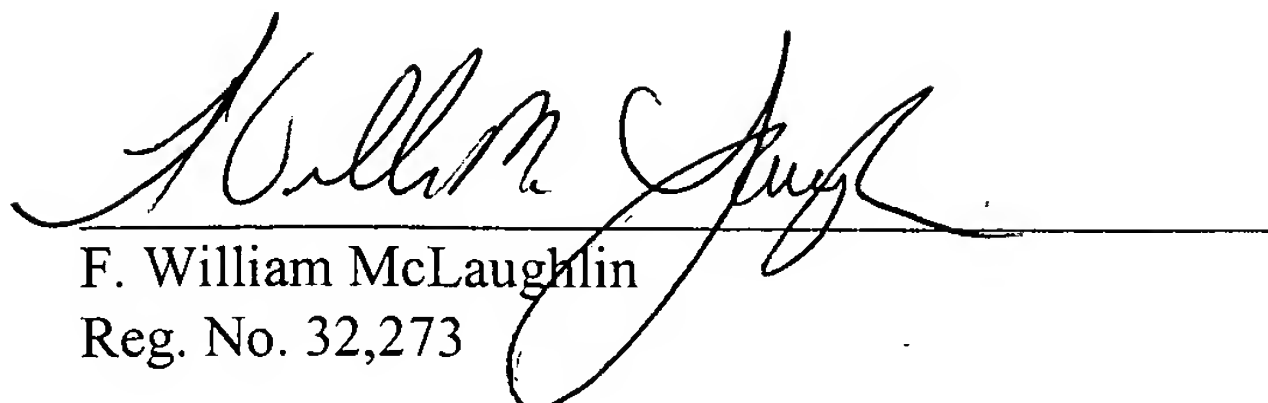
The claims are amended herein to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the Final Office action.

Claims 20-39 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome a rejection under §112. Particularly, each of the independent claims was rejected as being indefinite with respect to use of the term “associated with”. Applicants believe that the claims as previously presented are clear. Each claim specified a plurality of exterior wall panels and a plurality of structural connectors. Each of these structural connectors was defined as being associated with one of the exterior wall panels. Each structural connector structurally coupled the associated exterior wall panel to the building structure. The term “associated with” was identifying a relationship between each of the structural connectors and one of the exterior wall panels. Such language is commonly used to relate one element to another. There is nothing indefinite about the use of such language. Nevertheless, to facilitate resolution of the application, each claim is amended to now specify a plurality of structural connectors, each for structurally coupling one of the exterior wall panels to the building structure. Applicants submit that the amended claims are definite and moreover that the amended limitations are synonymous with the limitations as previously presented. As such, the reasons for amendment are unrelated to patentability.

Entry of the amendment and allowance of the claims and application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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